made on certain category of milk and milk products. Uncanned packages of butter and cheese, liquid milk in bottle and liquid beverages containing milk as an ingredient in bottle belong to this category.

Atrocities on SCs

632. SHRI SURESH KALMADI Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued special instructions to State Governments to take severe action against those who continue to perpetrate atrocities on Scheduled Caste particularly in view of the recent happenings in Fatehpur and Agra (Uttar Pradesh) and the surrounding areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against the law enforcing authorities against whom allegations have been made that all the arrested persons were 'Jatavs' and that no FIRs were lodged by taking the side of the upper castes?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) Instructions have been issued to the State Governments and Administrations of Union Territories from time to time, emphasising among other things, the following aspects:

(i) to take all measures as provided under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 so that the Act is enforced effectively.

(ii) To specify exclusive special courts in each district and also to ensure that the Special Public Prosecutors appointed under the Act deal only with cases under the Act so that there is day-to-day trial and the persons commiting offences are convicted within the shortest possible time.

(iii) To take precautionery, preventive, punitive and rehabilitative measures in the light of the existing instructions on the subject.

Every case of reported atrocity that comes to the notice of the central Government are taken up with the concerned State Government and the State Governments are advised to make sure that cases are filed under the provisions of the Atrocities Act, appropriate relief is given to the victims of atrocities and persons affected are also rehabilitated.

The Prime Minister has also sent a detailed letter to the Chief Ministers / Governors of the States on 19th June, 1990, wherein he had emphasised that Government cannot allow the perpetrators of crimes on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to continue to break laws and practise inhuman violence and get away with it.

(c) The information is being collected.

Demonstration by handicapped persons outside the P.M.'s house

633. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hundreds of visually handicapped under the banner of National Federation of the Blind held a demonstration outside the PM's house on July 16th, 1990 and submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister listing their demands; and

(b) if so, what are the details of their demands and Government's reaction thereto?